

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration.

Applicants enclose a certified translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2002-57318, upon which Applicants claim foreign priority. The filing date of KR 2002-57318 is September 19, 2002, which is before the U.S. filing date of Shimakawa (December 4, 2002). Accordingly, Shimakawa does not qualify as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

The remaining references do not overcome the deficiencies that remain when Shimakawa is removed as a reference.

For at least the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

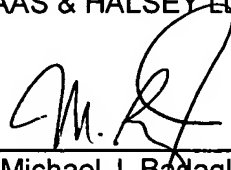
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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